# BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

PAIGE LEIGH BECKWITH 2101 W. Campbell Road Apt 714 Garland, TX 75044

Registered Nurse License No. 651140

RESPONDENT

Case No. 2012-412

DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER

[Gov. Code, §11520]

### FINDINGS OF FACT

- On or about January 14, 2012, Complainant Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN, in her 1. official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of Consumer Affairs, filed Accusation No. 2012-412 against Paige Leigh Beckwith (Respondent) before the Board of Registered Nursing. (Accusation attached as Exhibit A.)
- On or about January 20, 2005, the Board of Registered Nursing (Board) issued Registered Nurse License No. 651140 to Respondent. The Registered Nurse License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and expired on May 31, 2008 and has not been renewed.
- On or about December 30, 2011, Respondent was served by Certified and First Class 3. Mail copies of the Accusation No. 2012-412, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense, Request for Discovery, and Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7 to Respondent's address of record which, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 136 and/Title 16, California Code of Regulation, section 1409.1, is required to be reported and maintained with the Board, which was and is:

2101 W. Campbell Road Apt 714

Garland, TX 75044.

- 4. Service of the Accusation was effective as a matter of law under the provisions of Government Code section 11505, subdivision (c) and/or Business & Professions Code section 124.
- 5. On or about February 7, 2012, the Certified Mail documents were returned, marked by the U.S. Postal Service, "Unclaimed." The address on the documents was the same as the address on file with the Board. Respondent failed to maintain an updated address with the Board and the Board has made attempts to serve the Respondent at the address on file. Respondent has not made herself available for service and therefore, has not availed herself of her right to file a notice of defense and appear at hearing.
  - 6. Business and Professions Code section 2764 states:

The lapsing or suspension of a license by operation of law or by order or decision of the board or a court of law, or the voluntary surrender of a license by a licentiate shall not deprive the board of jurisdiction to proceed with an investigation of or action or disciplinary proceeding against such license, or to render a decision suspending or revoking such license.

- 7. Government Code section 11506 states, in pertinent part:
- (c) The respondent shall be entitled to a hearing on the merits if the respondent files a notice of defense, and the notice shall be deemed a specific denial of all parts of the accusation not expressly admitted. Failure to file a notice of defense shall constitute a waiver of respondent's right to a hearing, but the agency in its discretion may nevertheless grant a hearing.
- 8. Respondent failed to file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service of the Accusation upon her, and therefore waived her right to a hearing on the merits of Accusation No. 2012-412.
  - 9. California Government Code section 11520 states, in pertinent part:
- (a) If the respondent either fails to file a notice of defense or to appear at the hearing, the agency may take action based upon the respondent's express admissions or upon other evidence and affidavits may be used as evidence without any notice to respondent.
- 10. Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the Board after having reviewed the proof of service dated December 30, 2011, signed by Shannon Silberling,

## **DETERMINATION OF ISSUES**

- 1. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent Paige Leigh Beckwith has subjected her following license(s) to discipline:
  - a. Registered Nurse License No. 651140
  - 2. The agency has jurisdiction to adjudicate this case by default.
- 3. The Board of Registered Nursing is authorized to revoke Respondent's license(s) based upon the following violations alleged in the Accusation, which are supported by the evidence contained in the Default Decision Investigatory Evidence Packet in this case.
  - a. Violation of Business and Professions Code section 2761(a)(4) Disciplinary action by another State Board of Nursing.

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## <u>ORDER</u>

IT IS SO ORDERED that Registered Nurse License No. 651140, heretofore issued to Respondent Paige LeighBeckwith, is revoked.

Pursuant to Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), Respondent may serve a written motion requesting that the Decision be vacated and stating the grounds relied on within seven (7) days after service of the Decision on Respondent. The agency in its discretion may vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on a showing of good cause, as defined in the statute.

This Decision shall become effective on July 27,2012

It is so ORDERED June 27,2012

Board of Registered Nursing Department of Consumer Affairs State of California

Attachment:

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Exhibit A: Accusation No. 2012-412

Accusation No. 2012-412

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| 10 | BEFORE THE BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING   |
| 11 | DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA                                       |
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| 13 | In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 2012-412                               |
| 14 | PAIGE LEIGH BECKWITH  2101 W. Compbell Bood, Apr. #714                                   |
| 15 | 2101 W. Campbell Road, Apt. #714<br>Garland, TX 75044                                    |
| 16 | Registered Nurse License No. 651140  |
| 17 | Respondent.  |
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| 19 | Complainant alleges:   |
| 20 | PARTIES  |
| 21 | 1. Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN (Complainant), brings this Accusation solely in her       |
| 22 | official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing (Board),   |
| 23 | Department of Consumer Affairs.  |
| 24 | 2. On or about January 20, 2005, the Board issued Registered Nurse License Number        |
| 25 | 651140 to Paige Leigh Beckwith (Respondent). The Registered Nurse License expired on May |
| 26 | 31, 2008, and has not been renewed.  |
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#### **JURISDICTION**

- 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.
- 4. Code section 2750 provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may discipline any licensee, including a licensee holding a temporary or an inactive license, for any reason provided in Article 3 (commencing with section 2750) of the Nursing Practice Act.
- 5. Code section 2764 provides that the expiration of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee or to render a decision imposing discipline on the license. Under section 2811(b) of the Code, the Board may renew an expired license at any time within eight years after the expiration.

### STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 6. Code section 2761 states that the Board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse for any of the following:
  - "(a) Unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:

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"(4) Denial of licensure, revocation, suspension, restriction, or any other disciplinary action against a health care professional license or certificate by another state or territory of the United States, by any other government agency, or by another California health care professional licensing board. A certified copy of the decision or judgment shall be conclusive evidence of that action."

#### COST RECOVERY

7. Code section 125.3 provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

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#### CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct - Out of State Discipline) (Bus. & Prof. Section 2761, subd. (a)(4))

8. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 2761, subdivision (a)(4), in that on or about November 13, 2008, in a disciplinary action before the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas (Texas Board), the Texas Board issued an order accepting Respondent's voluntary surrender of her Registered Nurse License Number 618893. The disciplinary action arose from the January 2008 discovery that, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Children's Medical Center, located in Dallas, Texas, Respondent falsified orientation documents to show completion of nursing skill requirements.

#### **PRAYER**

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Registered Nursing issue a decision:

- 1.1. Revoking or suspending Registered Nurse License Number RN 651140, issued to Paige Leigh Beckwith;
- 1.2. Ordering Paige Leigh Beckwith to pay the Board of Registered Nursing the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3;
  - 1.3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: December 30, 2011

LOUISE R. BAILEY, M.ED., RN

Executive Officer

Board of Registered Nursing Department of Consumer Affairs

State of California

Complainant

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